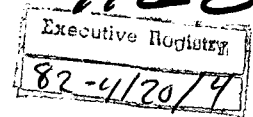


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Review of Classification/Declassification  
Decisions on Documents Congressman Rosenthal  
Has Requested for Public Use

1. Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Chairman of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs, informed me last September that he intended to use seventeen classified CIA documents in preparing a Subcommittee public report. I advised him that no public use of classified information could be made, but I agreed to conduct an interagency declassification review of the documents for the Subcommittee. CIA, State, Treasury, NSA, and NSC reviewed the documents, which contain Treasury and CIA information. I forwarded the sanitized and declassified documents which resulted from that process to Chairman Rosenthal last week.

2. Chairman Rosenthal has expressed the belief that information in these documents remains classified which should have been declassified. To assure that we have not retained classification on information that should have been released for the Chairman's public use, I am directing a review at a senior level of the classification/declassification decisions which were made with respect to those portions of the documents which Chairman Rosenthal believes improperly remain classified.

3. You should establish immediately an ad hoc group of Senior Intelligence Service members from the appropriate components in your Directorates to review the portions of the documents the Chairman has questioned. The senior Directorate of Intelligence member will chair the group. I expect the group to complete its work by 15 February.

4. Should the group find it necessary to communicate with the Subcommittee or its staff in the course of completing its task, the usual channels of liaison through the Legislative Liaison Division of the Office of External Affairs will be employed.

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William J. Casey

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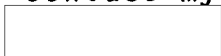
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Treasury

SUBJECT: Review of Classification/Declassification  
Decisions on Documents Congressman Rosenthal  
Has Requested for Public Use

1. Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, Chairman of the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs, informed me last September of his intent to make public use of seventeen classified CIA documents in preparing a Subcommittee report on OPEC investment. I advised him that no public use could be made of classified information, but that I would initiate interagency declassification review of the documents as an accommodation to the Subcommittee. Officials of your Departments participated in this review with members of my staff, and I furnished the results of the review to Chairman Rosenthal last week.

2. The Chairman has expressed the belief that many portions of the seventeen documents which clearly should have been declassified remain classified. To assure the propriety of our classification decisions, I have established a group of my senior officers to reconsider those portions of the documents whose classification the Chairman questions. Please designate one senior representative of your Department to be a member of this group, and have that representative contact my Deputy Director for Intelligence Robert Gates at



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3. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

/s/ William J. Casey  
William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence